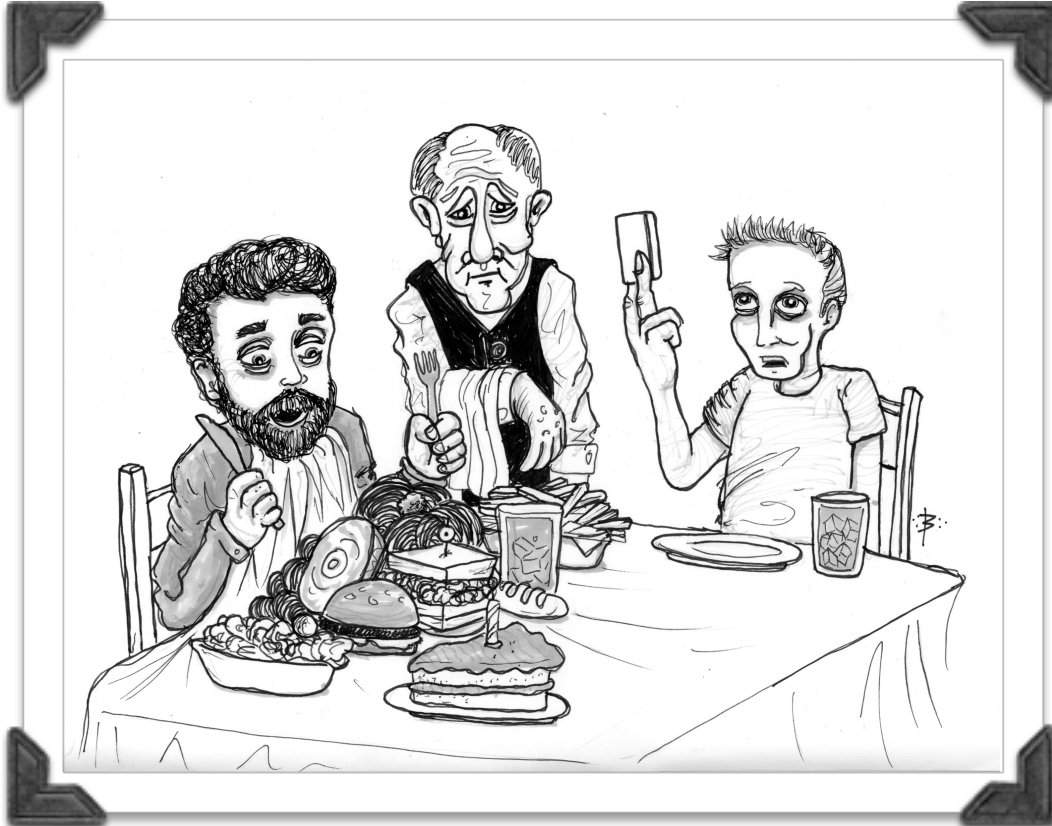


Chapter 5

Dinner Is Served



1. Has someone ever bought you a meal at a restaurant? What was the reason?
2. What's the most expensive meal you have ever ordered?
3. What is one of your favorite things to order at a restaurant?
4. What is the worst meal you have eaten in a restaurant?

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We wanted to create a workbook to help you, the student, improve your English vocabulary. We know that English is hard, and sometimes the hardest part is expressing your feelings in everyday situations.

So, we thought we'd create something simple: an eBook that is easy to use! Each chapter is about a specific topic, such as watching a movie, going shopping or complaining about a teacher. After you learn the idioms, you can practice with our vocabulary activities.

Thanks for reading.



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Vocabulary

to **grab a bite to eat** (i)

to go out to eat

Do you want to grab a bite to eat before we see the movie?

it's on someone (i)

paying for a meal/movie etc. for someone else

Don't worry about paying for dinner. It's on me.

to **treat** someone (i)

to pay for a meal/movie etc. for someone else

You don't need to bring any money with you tonight. I'll treat you.

to **go halfers** (i)

to split the cost of a meal

We've been dating for a long time, so we usually go halfers.

to **cover** someone's **half** (i)

to pay for someone

I still owe you 20 dollars, so I'll cover your half and we'll be even.

whatever one's **heart desires** (i)

anything you want

His parents are so rich that he can have whatever his heart desires.

to be **starving** (i)

to be really hungry

I need to eat something. I'm starving.

to be **so hungry** one **could eat a horse** (i)

to be really hungry

I haven't had time to eat yet. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.

to **pig out** (i)

to eat too much

If you keep pigging out all the time, you are going to get really fat.

an **appetizer** (n)

food before the main course

Do you want to share the calamari for an appetizer?

an **entree** (n)

main course

Pasta is my favorite entree.

the **house speciality** (n)

the dish a restaurant specializes in

Their chef is from Japan, so the house speciality is Ahi Tuna.

to be **out of this world** (i)

to be really amazing.

This chocolate cake is out of this world.

to be **mouth watering** (i)

to be really delicious

Wow! Whatever you are cooking smells mouth watering.

to **start** (v)

as an appetizer

Do you want to share the nachos to start?

to be **famished** (i)

to be extremely hungry

I haven't eaten for two days. I'm famished.

to **wash something down** (i)

to drink something to help you swallow food; to drink a lot while eating

I need another beer to wash down all the hamburgers I ate.

to be **tasty** (adj)

to be delicious

The soup that you made for dinner was really tasty.

one's **eyes are bigger than** one's **stomach** (i)

an expression used when somebody wants more food than they can eat

You can't eat all that. I think your eyes are bigger than your stomach.

to **skip a meal** (i)

to miss a meal

I skipped breakfast today, so I'm really hungry.

a **doggie bag** (i)

the bag that leftovers from a restaurant meal are put in, so you can take the food home with you

I couldn't finish my meal, so I took it home in a doggie bag.

leftovers (n)

food from a previous meal that you eat later

We are having leftovers for dinner tonight.

Dialogue

Mike: Thanks for inviting me out today. I was feeling kind of sad. There's nothing better than **grabbing a bite to eat** with a good friend to make you feel better.

Shaun: No problem. It's for your birthday, so it's **on** me.

Mike: Oh, I thought no one remembered, but you don't have to **treat** me. We can **go halfers**. Don't feel you have to **cover** my **half** just because it's my birthday.

Shaun: Forget about it. I've got it covered. Order **whatever** your **heart desires**.

Mike: Great, because I'm **starving**. I'm **so hungry** I **could eat a horse**. It's time to **pig out**. Do you know what you're going to have?

Shaun: I'm going to have the shrimp cocktail for an **appetizer**, and a medium-rare steak for my **entree**. It's the **house speciality**, and I hear it's **out of this world**.

Mike: Wow! There are a lot of **mouth watering** choices on this menu. Let's see. I think I'll go with the caviar **to start** and the seafood platter for two as my main course. Like I said, I'm **famished**.

Shaun: Man, it's going to be pretty hard to eat all that.

Mike: You're right. It would be pretty hard to eat all that without something to drink. I think I'll order a bottle of their finest wine to **wash down** all that **tasty** food.

Shaun: I think your **eyes might be bigger than** your **stomach**.

Mike: Yeah, I might have to **skip** breakfast tomorrow. But I can always take a **doggie bag**, so I can have **leftovers** for lunch and dinner tomorrow.

Shaun: Well, I might have to skip a few meals after paying this bill.

Dialogue Practice

Fill in the spaces with the missing vocabulary term.

Mike: Thanks for inviting me out today. I was feeling kind of sad. There's nothing better than _____ with a good friend to make you feel better.

Shaun: No problem. It's for your birthday, so it's ___ me.

Mike: Oh, I thought no one remembered, but you don't have to _____ me. We can _____. Don't feel you have to _____ my _____ just because it's my birthday.

Shaun: Forget about it. I've got it covered. Order _____ your _____.

Mike: Great, because I'm _____. I'm _____ I _____ . It's time to _____. Do you know what you're going to have?

Shaun: I'm going to have the shrimp cocktail for an _____, and a medium-rare steak for my _____. It's the _____, and I hear it's _____.

Mike: Wow! There are a lot of _____ choices on this menu. Let's see. I think I'll go with the caviar _____ and the seafood platter for two as my main course. Like I said, I'm _____.

Shaun: Man, it's going to be pretty hard to eat all that.

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Shaun: I think your _____ your _____.

Mike: Yeah, I might have to _____ breakfast tomorrow. But I can always take a _____, so I can have _____ for lunch and dinner tomorrow.

Shaun: Well, I might have to skip a few meals after paying for this meal.

Sentence Practice

Fill in the spaces with the missing vocabulary term.

Sentence	Answer	Vocabulary
1. I'm starving. I think I'll go and _____. Do you want to come with me?		A) eyes are bigger than stomach
2. Last time we went out, you treated me. Tonight, it's ___ me.		B) leftovers
3. Don't worry about money. I'll _____ you to dinner tonight.		C) famished
4. I _____ at dinner, and now I feel sick. I wish I hadn't eaten so much.		D) entree
5. Would you like me to put the rest of your food in a _____, so you can take it home with you?		E) hungry that could eat a horse
6. I think I'll have an appetizer before my _____.		F) mouth watering
7. Before my main course, I'll have the chicken wings to _____		G) to wash down
8. There is no way that you can eat all that. I think your _____ your _____.		H) treat
9. The chocolate mousse is _____.		I) cover my half
10. That is the _____ pizza I have ever eaten.		J) go halfers
11. Don't worry about how much it is. Order _____ your _____.		K) appetizer
12. Her cooking is more than delicious. It is totally _____.		L) pigged out
13. I think I'll order another beer _____ all this food.		M) on
14. Look at all this food that we didn't eat. I guess we are having _____ tomorrow.		N) grab a bite to eat
15. I'm sorry. I don't have any money on me. Can you _____, and I'll pay you back tomorrow?		O) whatever heart desires
16. I haven't eaten anything at all today. I'm _____.		P) start
17. He never treats me! He always wants to _____.		Q) tastiest
18. Wow! I'm famished. I'm so _____ I _____.		R) doggie bag
19. Would you like to have an _____ before your main course?		S) out of this world

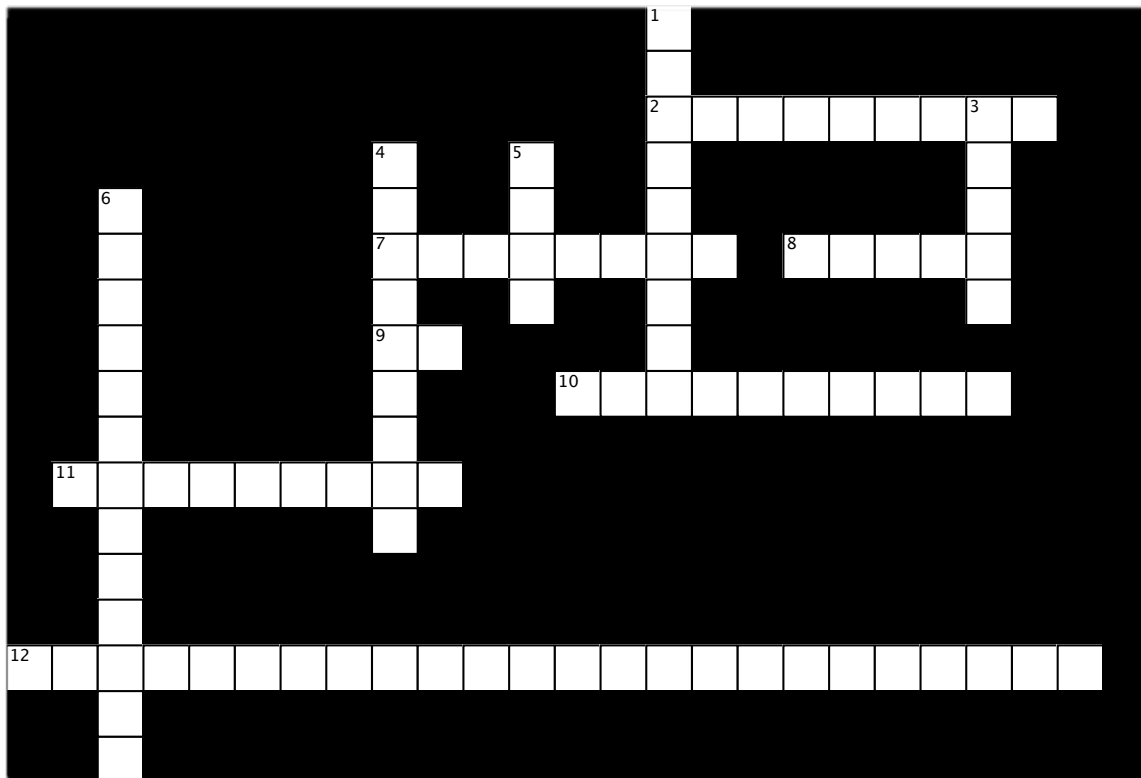
What Comes Next?

Match Person A's statement with Person B's response.

Person A	Answer	Person B
1. Where do you want to go for lunch?		A) I'm not surprised. You totally pigged out. I think your eyes were bigger than your stomach, although your stomach looks pretty big right now.
2. I'm totally starving.		B) I think I'm going to give the house speciality a try.
3. Do you want to go for drinks after work? It's on me.		C) I don't think so. If I have an appetizer, I probably won't be able to finish my main course.
4. I have never been so full in my life.		D) No. I don't like leftovers.
5. What are you going to have for your entree?		E) Sounds like a good idea, but you are always treating me. This time I'm going to treat you and cover your half.
6. Are you going to get anything to start?		F) I'm not so sure about him. You know last night we went out for dinner for our one-month anniversary. He told me to order whatever my heart desired, but when the bill came he wanted to go halfers.
7. Do you think we should get a doggie bag?		G) Yes. I'll have a large orange juice.
8. Would you like something to wash down your meal with?		H) How about we grab a bite to eat at that new cafe around the corner. I hear their sandwiches are out of this world.
9. How are things going with your new boyfriend?		I) Me too. I'm famished. I'm so hungry that I could eat a horse.

Crossword

Fill in the crossword with the new vocabulary.



Across

2. Do you want to **get something** to eat? (3 Words)
7. I am **totally starving**. When will dinner be ready? (1 Word)
8. Don't bring any money with you to the movie tonight. I'll **pay for** you. (1 Word)
9. Don't worry about paying. It's ____ me. (1 Word)
10. You had better stop **eating so much**. Otherwise, you are going to gain weight. (2 Words)
11. We should **split the bill**. (2 Words)
12. Don't worry. Order **anything you want**. (4 Words)

Down

1. If you can't finish all of your meal, you can take what is left home with you in a _____. (2 Words)
3. That salad looks **delicious**. (1 Word)
4. We are going to have **the food that we didn't finish eating last night** for dinner tonight. (1 Word)
5. When I wake up late, I have to **miss** breakfast because I don't have enough time to eat. (1 Word)
6. Don't worry. I'll **pay for your portion**. (3 Words)

Discussion

1. Have you ever treated someone to lunch or dinner?
2. When do you usually pig out?
3. What is a dish that you think is out of this world?
4. Do you ever skip meals? Which ones?
5. Do people in your country take home doggie bags? Why or why not?
6. Have your eyes ever been bigger than your stomach?
7. What is the house speciality at your favorite restaurant?

Answer Key

Here are the answers for the exercises in the chapter.

Sentence Practice

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| 1. N | 7. P | 13. G |
| 2. M | 8. A | 14. B |
| 3. H | 9. S | 15. I |
| 4. L | 10. Q | 16. C |
| 5. R | 11. O | 17. J |
| 6. D | 12. F | 18. E |
| | | 19. K |

What Comes Next?

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| 1. H | 6. C |
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| 3. E | 8. G |
| 4. A | 9. F |
| 5. B | |

Crossword

Across

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2. grab a bite | 11. go halves |
| 7. famished | 12. whatever your heart desires |
| 8. treat | |
| 9. on | |
| 10. pigging out | |

Down

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| 1. doggie bag |
| 3. tasty |
| 4. leftovers |
| 5. skip |
| 6. cover your half |